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INFORMATION FEATURED/OPPORTUNITIES/NEIGHBORS/SUCCESS

COMMANDERS



MG ABNER BLALOCK
The Adjutant General



My vision for the Alabama National Guard is an organization of Soldiers, Airmen and Civilian employees that are Ready in War and Peace.

TAG's Vision for 2008

All our Great Americans are trained, equipped and led in a manner that reflects the high expectations the citizens of our Nation and State have of us in war and peace. We cannot be successful in our Service if our Citizen Soldiers are not fully supported by their families, employers and communities.

The Alabama National Guard is a great organization because of our Soldiers, Airmen and Civilian employees. We must constantly be mindful of things that try to undermine our greatness; our cohesiveness; our ability to effectively fight and win our nation's wars and respond in the Homeland when called by our

Governor or President. The foundation of any great organization begins with our core Values and Warrior Ethos that shape the expectations we have of every service member. Our obligation as an organization is to ensure that all our soldiers, airmen and civilian employees have the same opportunity to serve and succeed within our organization. This is inherent in every thing we do as an organization, from training and equipping to recruiting.

As the Adjutant General for the Alabama National Guard, I want the best for our nation, our state, our organization and each

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Alabama National Guard celebrates Native American Heritage Month

MG John White, Commander, JFHQ, AL (Air), presents Ms. Tracy Byrd, President, 3 Sisters Byrd, with a memento and expresses appreciation on behalf of the men and women of the Alabama National Guard for her help in coordinating and participating in our Native American Heritage Month Observance.

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READY IN WAR AND PEACE



Ms. Tracy Byrd and MG John White

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COMMANDERS Continued from page 1 one of you. I expect those of us who are vested with the power and authority to lead, to lead in a respectful, caring and responsible manner that ensures we are indeed Ready in War and Peace. I also believe that every Soldier, Airman and Civilian is a Leader. Their individual actions reflect on themselves and our organization. Because we are Citizen Soldiers, our actions are always visible to the Communities in which we live and work, regardless of our duty status. Because our members come from our local communities, our organization must be as diverse as our communities. Our individual actions have tremendous potential to enhance our ability to ensure widespread Community and Employer support. Our challenge is to ensure we continue to deliver on high expectations and attract new members from our communities.

Our Equal Employment Opportunity / Equal Opportunity / Diversity programs and other programs like Ethics are foundational programs that ensure we are on track to continue our long term success and greatness. If we are to maintain our excellence, each one of us must constantly review our foundational programs and do a self check to make sure we are in line with these programs.

It is my pleasure to serve as your Adjutant General and I am looking forward to serving with each one of you. Thank you so much for your contributions, to our great nation, state and organization.

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CPT SILTINARET WOMACK State Diversity Initiative Coordinator (SDIC)

CPT Siltinaret Womack has been appointed State Diversity Initiative Coordinator (SDIC) for the Alabama Army National Guard. She will serve as the focal point for ARNG diversity initiatives. CPT Womack can be reached at (334) 270-2995.



National Diversity Training Conference

When: 17-21 March 2008 Who: State Diversity Initiatives Coordinators and

Senior Leaders

Where: Westminster Hotel

in Denver, Colorado

Details: Visit

https://gkoportal.ngb.army

.mil/C17/EO/default.aspx

State Diversity Initiative Coordinator (SDIC)

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Equal Employment Opportunity (Technician Program)

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Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Report

The Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Report is due to Lt Col Harris, the State Equal Employment Manager (SEEM), by 1 May 2008.

Air Guard Equal Opportunity (EO) personnel at the 187th Fighter Wing and the 117th Air Refueling Wing will send their POSH Report directly to Lt Col Harris.

ARNG Equal Opportunity Advisors (EOAs) will send their POSH Report to LTC Norman

McNatt, the State HR/EO Officer. LTC McNatt will compile the ARNG reports into one ARNG POSH Report and forward to Lt Col Harris.

Lt Col Harris will combine both the Air and Army Guard reports into one State Report and send to NGB-EO by the suspense date of 15 May 2008.

Below is a copy of the POSH Report and contact information for Lt Col Harris and LTC McNatt.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING				
MILITARY		TECHNICIAN		
ARMY	AIR	ARMY	AIR	
No.	No	No	No	
	TOTAL			
HOURS O	F TRAINING COND	UCTED:		
METHOD	OF TRAINING:			

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Equal Opportunity (EO) Program

Air National Guard

Lt Col Barbara Harris State MEO

117th Air Refueling Wing

Lt Col Bryan Hursman, Chief, MEO Capt Daniel Callahan MSgt Sherry Maddock

187th Fighter Wing

Capt Monoleto Hosea, Chief MEO Capt Leeann Morris MSgt Samantha McLeod

Army National Guard

LTC Norman McNatt, State HR/EO Officer

JFHQ, AL (Army)

MAJ Linda Smith, EOA SGM Hamp Tew

167th Theatre Support Command

LTC Richard Mason, EOA

62nd Troop Command

LTC C. N. Lloyd, EOA SSG Anthony Turner

31st Chemical Brigade

MAJ John Lipscomb, EOA

20 Special Forces

MAJ David Davis, EOA

ATAG NORTH (Ft. McClellan)

MSG Bob Richardson, EOA

Medical Detachment (B'ham)

MAJ James P. Rudicell, EOA

Alabama National Guard Military Equal Opportunity State Planning Meeting

The Alabama National Guard Equal Opportunity (EO) Personnel met on 3 and 4 November 2007 to gear up for the new year.

A review of the EO Program included discussing leadership involvement and commitment; communication; education and training; Special/Ethnic Observances; complaints management; assessments, and referral sources.

Areas of concern identified that require command attention includes:

- Staffing of EOA positions on the Army side
- Assigning additional duties to EO personnel
- Funding of conferences for EO and Special Emphasis Program personnel
- Timely processing of complaints

The 2007 Annual Army Worldwide Equal Opportunity Advisors (EOA) Training Conference

MAJ Linda Smith, EOA for JFHQ, AL attended the 10th Annual Army Worldwide Equal Opportunity Advisors (EOA) Training Conference that was held at the Gaylord Palms Hotel, Kissimmee, Florida, 17-20 December 2007.

The purpose of the training was to provide a central forum for EOAs to receive updates on required training to support the full spectrum of Army operations. The training conference also served to motivate and inspire EOAs to continue to serve as cultural change



MAJ LINDA SMITH
JFHQ, Equal Opportunity Advisor

agents. The theme for the conference was "What Impacts Soldiers, Impacts Readiness".

MILITARY EO INVESTIGATORS

Lt Col Judy Dailey, JFHQ (Air)
Lt Col Jeffrey Newton, 117th ARW
Lt Col Michael Woodard, 187th FW
MAJ Brian Naugher, 31st Chem Bdg
MAJ Michael Belcher, 142d Signal Bdg

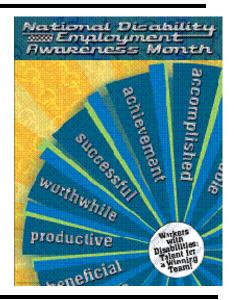
1LT Lorenzo Orum, JFHQ Not Appointed, 167th TSC Not Appointed, 62nd Trp Cmd MAJ Steve Perry, 20 SF Page 5 DECISIONS

IMPORTANT EVENTS

2007 Special Observances

Oct lational Disability Employment Month

On July 26, 2007 the United States celebrated the 17th anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, located at Web site address, http://www/dol.gov/esa/regs/statutes/ofccp/ada.htm. George Bush, in his speech when he signed the act stated, "This historic act is the world's first comprehensive declaration of equality for people with disabilities..." see Web site http://ww.eeoc.gov/ada/bushspeech.html for full text. Chief Librarian, Karen Olender, at the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI), created this document that provides background and reference material information for National Disability Employment Awareness Month 2007. This document is posted at https://www.deomi.org.



Now Alabama National Guard celebrated Native American Heritage Month with 3Sisters Byrd and 2 Feathers Corporation, Inc.

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The Alabama National Guard had the opportunity to learn more about Native American Heritage and to interact with the men and women of Three Sisters Byrd and Two Feathers Corporations.

Three Sisters Byrd and Two Feathers Corporations presented the

Colors followed by Captain Stilinaret Womack singing the National Anthem. MG John White gave the Welcoming Remarks, which included recognizing our special guests.

MSgt Judy Bush, our Native American Employment Program Manager, presented a special PowerPoint Tribute to our Native American Medal of Honor Recipients. The program was turned over to Ms. Tracy Byrd, President of Three Sisters Byrd, and Dr. Sally Beth MacMaster. President of Two Feather's Corporation, Inc., who presented to us Native American History through stories, songs and dances.







Happy Holiday Dec

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SPECIAL EMPHASIS PROGRAM

Special Emphasis Program

Committee 2008-2010 and SEP Managers

JFHQ, AL (Army)

- ♦ Major Brian Thomas
- ♦ CSM James Ashley

HQ, 167th TSC

♦ MSG Daisy Williams

Black Employment Program Manager

HQ, 20th SF

- ♦ SPC Glen Claiborne
- ♦ SGT Eugene Rowley

HQ, 31st Chem Bde

- ♦ SSG Patrick Raley
- ♦ SGT Mark Wear

JFHQ, AL (Air)

- ♦ CMSgt Kay Calamusa
- ♦ SMSgt Penelope Howard

HQ, 187th FW

♦ SMSgt Walt Linch

Special Emphasis Program Manager

♦ SrA Luis Enriquez

Hispanic Employment Program Manager

HQ, 62nd Troop Cmd

♦ MSG Judy Rainey

People with Disabilities Program Manager

♦ SSG Joshua Henderson

HQ, 117th ARW

- ♦ MSgt Patricia Vaca, Disabled Veterans Affirmative Action Program Manager
- MSgt Rachel Butler, Asian American/Pacific Islander Employment Program Manager

280th CCSq

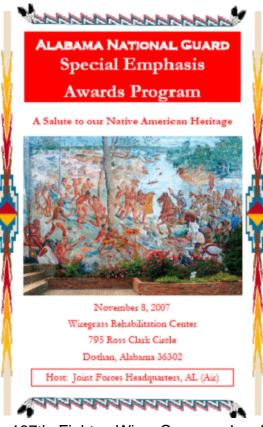
♦ MSgt Judy Bush, American Indian/Alaskan Native Employment Program Manager

22nd Recruiting Battalion

♦ CPT Siltinaret Womack

Federal Women's Program Manager

♦ CPT Pamela Phillips



The Alabama National Guard held its annual Special Emphasis Awards Program on 8 November 2007 at the Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center Dothan. Alabama. The purpose of the Awards Program is to recognize the significant contributions and accomplishments of the men and women in the Alabama National Below MG Guard. John White, JFHQ, ΑL (Air) Commander, and Colonel Jeff Smiley,

187th Fighter Wing Commander, flank the Award Winners: MSgt White accepting for TSgt Jandell D. Patton (Outstanding Minority Employee); MSgt William O. Colley (Outstanding EEO Supervisor/Manager); MSgt Sally A. Skipper (Federal Woman of the Year); and SMSgt Ashley R. Graham (EEO Outstanding Employee).



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INFORMATION FEATURED

THE FOLLOWING ARE LISTS OF NEEDED ITEMS YOU COULD DONATE THAT WOULD ENHANCE THE LIVES OF, AND BE MUCH APPRECIATED BY. THE PATIENTS OF THE TUSCALOOSA. BIRMINGHAM, MONTGOMERY AND TUSKEGEE VA MEDICAL CENTERS:

Note: For monetary donation, you must handle personally by following the below instruction given by the VA Medical Center of your choosing. For non-monetary donation, you may give your items to your SEP Representative for collection and presentation on behalf of the Alabama National Guard or you may take your own items to the VA Hospital.

<u>Voluntary Servcie</u> <u>TUSCALOOSA:</u>

Wish List

5. Electric razors-clean and 1. Postage stamps 12. Puzzles (100 piece) 2. Stationary in good working order 13. New/used clothing(except used 3. Pens and pencils 6. Slippers/houseshoes with non-skid soles under clothes) 4. Toilet articles: 7. Books and magazines 14. Cds or DVDs deodorant LARGE print like Reader's 15. Female personal care items: toothpaste Digest preferred. deodorant toothbrushes 8. Subscriptions for magazines or local newspapersstyling combs hand lotion Ild Army, Navy, AF, Marines Times, etc. shampoo combs 9. Portable radios and batteries hair conditioner hair brushes 10. CD/DVD players styling lotion disposable razors 11. Table games (Monopoly, Clue, Score, hand lotion shaving cream Scrabble, Password, Skip Bo, etc.) hair brushes shampoo Dominoes, Playing cards

IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A MONETARY DONATION, THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED:

- 1. CANTEEN COUPON BOOKS: funds used to purchase canteen books, which are given to patients without funds to purchase items in our cafeteria/store (Canteen). Canteen books are also awarded as prizes or rewards in recreational activities (Bingo, etc.).
- 2. SOCIAL WORK GENERAL PURPOSE: funds used to meet unexpected needs of veterans when no other funds are available.
- 3. CASH FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES: funds used too provide patients with various recreational activities away from the Medical Center (eating out, sporting events, concerts, shopping, etc.).
- 4. VAVS COFFEE: funds used to purchase coffee supplies for coffee served to patients and their families while they are visiting the Medical Center. Coffee is also served to patients in our Nursing Home.
- 5. ADOPT-A-WARD: Funds used to provide items designed to enhance patient's living environment.
- 6. REFRESHMENTS: funds used to provide refreshments for patients' recreational activities.
- 7. RECREATION SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT: funds used to purchase games, recreation supplies, sport items or equipment.
- 8. UNDESIGNATED: funds used to provide services or items wherever needed.
- 9. NURSING HOME CARE: funds used to provide specifically for special and varied needs/activities of Nursing Home residents.
- 10. COMFORT ITEMS: funds used to purchase personal care toilet articles and/or clothing for patients in need.
- 11. WOMEN VETERANS: funds used to purchase items needed by female veterans who have no funds of their own.

TO DONATE, PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK OUT TO TVAMC AND ATTACH A LETTER EXPLAINING HOW YOUR DONATION IS TO BE USED. IF YOU WISH US TO DETERMINE HOW BEST TO USE YOUR DONATION, INDICATE UNSPECIFIED DONATION IN YOUR LETTER. EITHER WAY, AN EXPLANATION OF HOW YOUR DONATION WAS USED (ALONG WITH A RECEIPT) WILL BE INCLUDED IN A DONATION CONFIRMATION LETTER WE SEND YOU.

MAIL YOUR CHECK AND LETTER TO: VA MEDICAL CENTER, VOLUNTARY DEPARTMENT, ROOM 153, 3701 LOOP ROAD EAST TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA 35404

YOUR MONETARY AND NON-MONETARY DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE AND WILL BE VERIFIED BY A CONFIRMATION LETTER SENT TO YOU WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF YOUR DONATION.

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BIRMINGHAM VA MEDICAL CENTER

Wish List

Volunteer Opportunities:

VA Pals/Birthday Buddies: Volunteers visit patients delivering new admission kits, crafts, Books/magazines, and visiting with those patients who have no local family. Monday - Friday, 8am – 3pm

Information Desk Volunteers: Volunteers are needed for regular assignments and as call-ins to staff the information desk at the University Boulevard entrance.

Customer Service Volunteers: Volunteers are needed for various customer service programs, including PULSE surveyors, My HealtheVet surveyors, Post Discharge Phone Calls, Admission/Discharge Visits and others.

Various Administrative Assignments: Volunteers are always needed for administrative duties throughout the medical center.

Donation Opportunities

Coffee Program: Voluntary Service provides coffee service for two Intensive Care waiting rooms, three specialty clinics, and the outpatient program.

Personal Care Items: Donations are needed to provide new admission kits to our hospitalized veterans. These kits include toothbrush, toothpaste, shave cream, razor, shampoo, and socks. Approximately 250 kits are distributed each month.

Women Veterans Fund: Donations are needed for our Women Veterans Fund. This fund is used to provide health education materials, personal care items, and health fair materials.

Homeless Veterans Stand Down: Annually the Birmingham VAMC staff and volunteers coordinate a day to care for those that have served their country, but are now homeless citizens. During this event, we offer medical care, clothing and meals for veterans in need. Donations to this program enable us to complete this mission.

National Games: Donations are needed to help send veteran patients to the VA and DAV National games and special events. Our Rehabilitation staff administers the use of these donations used by their patients.

Service Recovery Program: Donations are needed to support our Service Recovery program. Our Service Recovery personnel have been specially trained in how to handle disgruntled patients. They are instructed to resolve problems within their service and at the lowest level possible. Coupon books are purchased with the service recovery funds to give to disgruntled patients as appropriate.

Please make checks payable to: Birmingham VA Medical Center. On the "for" line of the check please specify the purpose for which the donation is to be used. An accompanying letter (if the donation is mailed) defining the purpose of the donation is also appreciated. Checks may be mailed to: Voluntary Service (135), VA Medical Center, 700 South 19th Street, Birmingham, AL 35233

Please call the Voluntary Service office at (205) 933-4396 for further information.

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CAVHCS (MONTGOMERY AND TUSKEGEE) VOLUNTARY SERVICE

WISH LIST

- 1. COFFEE FUND: \$1500 a month supplies coffee and condiments (sugar, sugar substitute, cream, cups and stirrers) for waiting rooms and clinics for patients at the Montgomery and Tuskegee Campuses, as well as, the Columbus and Dothan Outpatient Clinic on a daily hasis
- 2. ITEMS FOR DAILY LIVING ACTIVITIES: (Personal comfort/Hygiene)
- 3. MEAL MATES PROGRAM: Coupon books used to compensate Domiciliary Veterans for assisting in the feeding of long term care patients who cannot feed themselves.
- 4. CANTEEN FUNDS: Funds used to purchasing canteen coupon books for the indigent patients.
- 5. VAVS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FUNDS: These funds are used to support any patient-centered activities:
- Holiday activities Food and Entertainment
- Movie rentals
- Bingo
- Games
- Pastries
- **6. HAIR CUTS (\$150.00 TO \$200.00 per month)**: Haircuts are given to indigent patients after admission to the Medical Center. The cost is \$8.00 per hair cut.
- 7. CALLING CARD: These cards are for inpatients to use in calling their loved ones.
- **8. CHECKS/CASH DONATIONS**: Please specify in a letter which account or program you wish your donation to support. Also include a name and complete address for acknowledgement of donation.
- 9. HOME AGAIN: These funds are used to purchase basic household supplies for a Home Again starter kit which is given to graduates of the Homeless Domiciliary program.
- 10. **NATIONAL VETERANS EVENTS**: These funds are used to support Veterans' attendance and participation in National Veterans Programs (e.g., Golden Age Games, Wheelchair Games, Art Festival, Winter Sports Clinic, etc.).

PERSONAL ITEMS FOR THE VA HOSPITAL FOR MEN & WOMEN TRAVEL SIZE (Hotel size) or SMALL <u>802</u> Size

House Slippers DISPOSABLE RAZORS SHAMPOO Socks - Cotton SHAVING CREAM POWDER HAND LOTIONS LIP STUFF (Vaseline) ROLL-ON DEODORANTS COMBS POCKET READER'S (WESTERNS SPRAY DEODORANTS OR MYSTERIES) **BRUSH** TOOTHPASTE OLD MILITARY MAGAZINES INDIVIDUAL KLEENEX INDIVIDUAL TOOTHBRUSHES SMALL BOX KLEENEX

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OPPORTUNITIES



117TH Air Refueling Wing:

Brent Keith Bender Miranda Rae Brown Robert Lee Diveley Kailon Ray Freeman Edd F Freitag Christopher Mark Harris Leeann Meipala Holden William Dennis Hopkins Austin R T Liquori Martin Vivian Catrice McGhee Henry Alexander Orth Nicole Danet Parry Christopher Mikel Paulson George Barrington Smith Jason Garrett Strickland Matthew Alan Taft Cody Alan Todd

187[™] Fighter Wing

Jimmy A Bailey John Tipton Birk Michael Shane Black Christopher Robert Bobzien Monica Sharee Bryant

Welcome New Recruits to the Guard Team! July, August, September 2007

Kenneth Daniel Carpenter Sharon April Carter Latasha Moniki Chandler Daniel William Chiappetta Robert Scott Clardy William Collins Casey P. Cooley Renee E. Dedrick Lashanda Michelle Grayson Bryon Eric Hahn Kelli Renae Harlan Charles Erick Harris Reginald Brett Holland Kristen Marie Hooks Robert Mitchell Hooks Deanna Marie Howard Nicholas R Hulsey Kayla Rochelle James Stephen Taylor Jameson Craig O'Brian Jones Collin Trivel Lamb Jenell Rachal Lessley Terrin Emanuel Love Ronald H. Martin Heather Lvnn Mcandrews Shaundra C. Mccullum Tracy R. Mckee

Justin Ryan Mckenzie **Derrick Tequan Mooney** Jeremiah Joel Morgan Nathan D. Nichols Charles Lemuel Owens Shalecia Shanee Pickett David Paul Pittari

Alexandria Nashea Pringle **Desmond Dewayne Ross** Fredrika Chyvonne Sanders

Jamario O'Brian Smith Marquez Antonio Smith

David Monroe Spann Toby A. Stapleton

Alan Marcus Sturdivant Zavair Jerome Swannigan

Ivy Shamese Sweeney **Brittany Marie Taake** Joshua C. Tannehill

Emily Nicole Taylor Sophia Marie Thomas

Brian E. Vaughn

Brett Clayton Weir

Zachary Woodrow Waller Jarret Camron Ware

Danielle Michele Wells

Jason Sterling Westlake Nicholas Jerrald Whitehurst Daphne Althea Williams Derrick Wayne Wright

232ND CBCS:

James Arthur Cerf Joshua Lee Gates Robert Thomas Hutchins Aften Kara Jones Matthew Gregory Kelly Jeremiah Nicholson Torie L. Shannon Thomas Ruben Stabler Adam Chase Wallace Felicia Arlana Wilson

280TH CBCS:

Robert Alan Barnes Adam Clayton Franz Gregory Michael Freeman Alan Scott Kianka Eric Lee Lasseter Adam Zane Sconyers Michael David Wells **Bryant Anthony Williams** Daniel Sean Williams Benjamin Adam Zaleski



IFHC, AL (Army)

David Allen Dennis Von Tanner Hales Michael Shane Lee Marco Marshum Love Tracy Wade Richardson 62nd Troop Comand

Cynthia Ann Bilodeau Latara Dechai Bradford Brandon Benjamin Browand **Buba Drammeh** Jennifer Denise Anderson Albert Ardis **David Jeremy Austin** Adrian Ladon Avila Christopher Alan Bailey Alden Baker Jeremy Joseph Bard **Enrique Tyler Barnes** Willie Lee Bivines Israel Joseph Bland Nathan Andrew Boger Tamara Janelle Brackins Otis Renard Brister Stephen Justice Brock Timothy Lee Broussard Chase Emory Brown

William Marcus Brown Andrew Eric Bryant Joshua Alan Burleson Christopher Lee Byrd **Brian Adam Caine** Antonio Jermaine Carroll Danny Joe Carroll Eric Hank Carter Jonathan Chad Carter Kenneth Lee Casey Greg Alan Coggins Jason Bret Colburn William Micheal Connell Patrick Sean Coolahan Joshua Wayne Creasman

Lashaun Sedrick Cunningham Timmy Deshuan Curry Joshua Paul Davenport James Christopher Davidson Christopher Scott Davis Michael Craig Davis Ronnie Dale Davis David Allen Deerman Nolan Paul Denny Zachary Tyler Derrick Jarert Landon Doyle Rodney Alan Duke Bruce Copeland Ellard Michael Len Elston Joshua Johnie Emerson Jeffery Mark England

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Yollette Prophete Matthews

Randi Noel Biggs Michael Chang Birmingham Krystal Lynn Bolt Kayla J Bradford **Heather Diane Bradley** Landon Markeith Brown Micah Sean Brown Anthony William Bush Chelsie Dawn Chancellor Korey Mitchell Christy Jerry Loraine Cohen **David Richard Cole** Misha Ann Cox Joshua Michael Crowe Brittany D Curry Kelvin Dewayne Dancy Michael Scott Doane Marsoneka Leshae Dudley Jesselamon Allton Dueitt Jayson Scott Dunlap Jonathan Scott Farris Craig O Neal Gates Richard Gracy Jessica Ellen Griffin James Lee Groulx Centrale Lamar Harris Chase Vaughn Harris Clianna Reasuan Harris Laurese Sade Haslam Zaundra Monique Haynes **Brandon Keith Higgins** Christopher Paul Hitt David Heath Hogeland Chrisopher Neal Holderfield De Jon Maurice Jackson Lacey Brooke Johnson Stanley Clinton Johnson Matthew Dean Lamar Addrienna Jenea Lark Russell Robert Lassiter Andrea Michelle Layton Andre Jerrod Logan Mark Dwayne Loyd Lisa Mychelle Lucal Powell Eric Anthony Martin Sara Elizabeth Martin

Stevens Boyd Mcclellan Jeremy Alex Mcmunn Steven Robert Melvin Steven Daniel Miller Kamisha Lashawn Mitchell Thomas Justin Morris Enena Nicole Neal James Garrett Osby Davida Lynn Patterson Jessica Lynn Pierce Amber Brooke Ratliff William Harold Redd Michael Lydell Reeves Richard Alexander Rogers **Chasity Hope Rowley** Zackery Ryan Saint Markus Anthony Saunders Kenneth Thomas Scott John Lee Sewell Jonathan Logan Simpson **Curtis Andrew Smith** Raymond Eugene Smith Danny Antwyn Solomon Justin Paul Spencer John David Stover Robert Michael Sweet Mark James Taunton Briana Darlene Teplin Jamica Lashay Thomas Meghan Jakeisha Tinsley Stephanie Annette Towns **Hugh Lee Turner** John David Stover Sarah Kyong Vargo Noel Edgar Walton Mark Leonard Jr Ward Shane Micheal Waters Wilbanks Marcus Wesley Waters Jabaris Danthony Williams Zachary Robert Worsham Derrick Dewayne Wright Russell Andrew Wright Devin Tyler Erin Young Phillip Michael Young

20th Special Forces

Gerard Richard Ascencio
John Winchester Bradford
James Francis Hannigan
Brandon Lee Hoats
John William Lavender
Ryan Colby Maynor
Matt Andrew Phillips
Vincent Ricardo Seals
Nathan Matthew Turner
Derek Lee Vandevander

JF Sp Troop Command

Allen Xavier Lecario
Jeffery Brian
Gabrien Arziel Golden
Chana Denise Patterson
Tekoia Shanee Roberts

131st Aviation Brigade

Barry Douglas Bland Pamela Deloris Brown Thomas Jerel Cargill Joseph Maurice Cochran Jason Bradley Cosper Shawn Alan Dean Al Joseph Foster Bruce Allen Foster Christian D Foster Kevin Matthew Foster Dangelo Dwonne Gousby Robert Douglas Greenwell Charity Latrice Harris William Dewayne Hester Romell Anthony Howell Reginald Darrell Johnson Donavan Taylor Mansfield Shamonique Anitta Mattox Jacob Andrew Megois Brandon Lee Murchinson Alisa Nmn Phillips Henry Douglas Pough Andrew Arnold Sappington **Curtis James Sheckles**

Melvin Nmn Sledge
Richard Clay Smith
Brandon Anthony Thacker
Justin Lee Wadkins
Scottie Lewis Ward
Mason Aaron Wells
Jeremy Dane Windle
Jeffrey Earle Wise

167 Theatre Support Command

Elizabeth Kathalene Eubanks

Richard Glen Jones Jamie Lvnn Mccabe William Joshua Porter Carolyn Layne Retherford Cassandra Lynn Rust Robert E Shipman Jonathon Ray Tucker Avery Warner Watson Ashauna Renea Wilson Rodney Hunter Wilson Jarius Denetrius Abner **Davis Anderson** Gregory Hillman Bailey Dorothea Mae Bennett Carrie Marie Blandford Jeremiah Antwon Bradford Demetrius Antonio Brown Larry Allen Brown Whitney Jules Butler Patrick Casey Camp Ulonda Casby Christopher Vincen Catalano Matthew Ray Chambers Dwight William Coburn Amy Joe Beth Combs Joshua Lawrence Dahlquist Craig Allen Davis Michael James Delbridge Nathan Allen Dillard Christopher Neil Doar Ledarius Terquan Dowdell Deanna Lynne Drake Valencia Lashay Elias **Daniel Scott Ferguson**

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"Helping Heroes"

Thank you so much for doing this for our veterans.

We appreciate the donations listed and can use them all. In addition, attached is our regular donations wish list for future reference.

Appreciate you and your organization!

Randy LeStourgeon, Coordinator, Volunteer Programs VA Medical Center Tuscaloosa

Ms. Debbie Frederick was invited to attend the quarterly Special Emphasis Program Committee meeting that was held on October 10, 2007 to share with the committee her coordinating of donations for the veterans at the Montgomery and Tuskegee VA Hospitals (See highlights on page 14). To prepare for the meeting, Ms. Frederick gathered information on the special needs of veterans at the Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, Montgomery and Tuskegee VA Medical Centers and invited Mr. William Petty, Chief, Voluntary Services, Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System, to speak to the committee.

Mr. Petty talked about how volunteers are an invaluable resource for the Medical Centers in meeting special needs of our veterans and families. He said that he understands we may not have the time to volunteer for programs like Patient Visitor, Ambassador, Shuttle and Van Drivers, Recreation Center Assistant and other programs to meet specific needs of our veterans; so he also highlighted other ways we can help. Other ways to support the care of America's veterans include donation of personal hygiene items, monetary donations, in addition to gift certificates, discount cards, various gift cards, vouchers, etc.

SMSgt Walt Linch, President of the Special Emphasis Program (SEP) Committee, called for a vote to see if the committee would like to expand the efforts of Ms. Frederick not only to Montgomery and Tuskegee but also to Birmingham and Tuscaloosa. The committee voted unanimously to expand the program. The SEP Committee calls the program "Helping Heroes." To learn more about how you can help, see the 'Wish Lists' from the Medical Centers on pages 7, 8 and 9, contact your SEP Representative, our Disabled Veterans Program Manager, MSgt Patricia Vaca, or Ms. Debbie Frederick.





Ms. Debbie Frederick Administrative Assistant Inspector General Office Alabama National Guard

Ms. Frederick...that is fabulous. I'm attaching our "wish list" for you to share with your committee.

Patricia Fetzer, Birmingham Page 14 DECISIONS

SUCCESS

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Central Alabama V eterans Health Care system (CAVHCS) patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of 20 boxes of personal care items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, tissue, Q-tips, shampoo, soap, deodorant, and etc. Your thoughtfulness reflects the concern that you feel for our veterans and for the service they provided to all of us while in service to our country.

Without your support, we could not provide for the smaller niceties that make hospitalization more bearable. Your thoughtfulness also reflects the concern and compassion that our community feels for our veterans.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

William H. Petty Chief, Voluntary Service Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center

DONATIONS FOR VETERANS

The USPFO, the Air Guard Headquarters and others joined in with Ft. George Wallace Armory in collecting personal hygiene items for the Veterans at Montgomery and Tuskegee V.A. Hospitals.

On Friday, November 16, 2007, over 20 boxes of personal hygiene items were loaded up at Ft. George Wallace Armory and delivered to the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System (CAVHCS) Medical Center on Perry Hill Road.

Ms. Debbie Frederick thanks all who participated for their hard work and donations. At the left of this article are comments from a V.A. Medical Center memo regarding our donations.

Remember, those hotel soaps, shampoos and other personal hygiene items you collect while you are on TDY or vacations are appreciated donations to a homeless veteran. Your SEP Representative will be happy to take your donations for our Veterans.



SFC Donna Johns and SSG Kevin Brown, JFHQ, AL (Army), help unload boxes at VA Hospital



SFC (Retired) Debbie Henderson, 22nd R&R Bn Marketing Contractor, and E-5 John Lee Medley, Supply Sergeant, help load boxes to be delivered to VA Hospital in Montgomery.



SSG Kevin Brown, Mr. William Petty (Chief, Voluntary Services - VA), Mrs. Marie Motley (Volunteer Services - VA) and SFC Donna Johns